



California

Temecula Bombing Range No. 2

Facility and Location

Temecula Bombing Target No. 2, also known as Temecula Bombing Target No. 34, consisted of 160 acres of farmland located five miles northeast of the City of Temecula in Riverside County. The Navy built Temecula Bombing Target No. 2 as a dive bombing, skip bombing, and strafing target for use by Fleet Units and Naval Air Bases in the Eleventh Naval District, San Diego. By June 21, 1945, construction of the targets was completed. Naval acquisition and use of Temecula Bombing Target No. 2 commenced on April 7, 1945 and was terminated on October 1, 1945. During the period of April 7, 1945 through October 1, 1945, the government entered into a lease with private landowners for farmland in Riverside County. A Bureau of Aeronautics letter dated October 17, 1945 requested the lease for Temecula Bombing Target No. 2 be canceled.

Actual quantities of ordnance used at the site are unknown. No certificates of ordnance clearance, decontamination, or dedudding associated with Temecula Bombing Target No. 2 were found. The archive search did obtain a report dated July 10, 2000 of an Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Investigation and Removal Action conducted for the property owner. A geophysical investigation and potential UXO removal was initiated. According to documents, 119 of the anomalies resulted in the recovery of some type of metallic ordnance related scrap including 68 fully expended practice bombs, debris from water filled bombs, and .50 caliber projectiles. No debris from rockets was found.

Media Sampled and Findings

Surface Water — In 2008, two of two samples detected perchlorate at 0.03 and 0.04 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.